

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough consideration provided the present application. Claims 1-18 are now present in the application. The specification, the drawings, and claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-10, 13 and 14 have been amended. Claims 1 and 14 are independent. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-15 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the objection and the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Applicants greatly appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter by the Examiner.

In view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks, it is believed that the claim objection and the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph have been overcome and all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Priority Under 35 U.S.C. §119

Applicants thank the Examiner for acknowledging Applicants' claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §119, and receipt of the certified priority document.

Information Disclosure Citation

Applicants thank the Examiner for considering the references supplied with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 23, 2006, and for providing Applicants with an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 form filed therewith.

Drawings Objections

The drawings have been objected to due to the presence of minor informalities. Applicants have submitted twelve (12) sheets of corrected formal drawings to address the Examiner's requested changes.

In particular, the improper reference characters such as "20A(20)", "20(20D)", etc. in the drawings have been amended. The reference characters "25" and "3d" in FIGs. 5(A) and 5(B) have been changed to "1" and "3", respectively. The reference characters in original FIGs. 18(A) and 18(B) are incorrect and have been amended according to FIGs. 15-17 and the specification from page 23, line 18 to page 25, line 15.

In addition, the reference characters "e", "6E" and "20Do" are mentioned in the specification at page 2, line 9 (mounting bracket e), page 23, line 24 (ends 6E of the rubber damper 6) and page 22, lines 1-2 (radially outer peripheral surface 20Do).

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that this objection has been obviated and/or rendered moot. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are respectfully requested.

Specification Objections

The specification has been objected to due to the presence of minor informalities. In view of the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that this objection has been addressed. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that this objection has been obviated and/or rendered moot. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

Claims 1, 2, 5 and 14 have been objected to due to the presence of minor informalities. In view of the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that this objection has been addressed. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that this objection has been obviated and/or rendered moot. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 4, 7-10, 13 and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In view of the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection has been addressed. Accordingly, all pending claims are now definite and clear. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, are therefore respectfully requested.

Additional Cited References

Since the remaining patents cited by the Examiner have not been utilized to reject the claims, but rather to merely show the state of the art, no further comments are necessary with respect thereto.

CONCLUSION

All the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed and/or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently pending rejections and that they be withdrawn.

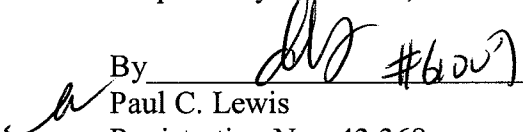
It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the Office Action, and that as such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to send the application to Issue.

In the event there are any matters remaining in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Cheng-Kang (Greg) Hsu, Registration No. 61,007 at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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